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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on Wed 13th Oct 2025, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Chris Parker and Dr Jeremy Lockwood.

IW Councillor: Claire Critchison.

Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey

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109/25 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Andrew Burroughs and Lynda Burroughs sent apologies.

110/25 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests and written requests for dispensations on items forming the agenda.

RESOLVED: None received.

111/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 10th Sept 2025.

RESOLVED: Minutes approved.

112/25 PLANNING

A. None Received

B. None Received

113/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for Sept 2025

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for October 2025

RESOLVED: Receipts of £180 for food pantry membership and £41.53 refund of Iwalc membership received and noted

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

BACS	SWAY- donation for blinds	£300.00
BACS	Newport food pantry – goods purchase for Chale	£100.45
BACS	Claire Critchison – food pantry (Sept)	£62.48
BACS	P.Gosling – S137 – hall wall repair donation	£419.81
PAY	Lloyds bank charges (Sept)	£4.25
BACS	WI Chale – Hall Hire (Oct)	£15.00
BACS	WI Chale – Hall Hire for food pantry (Sept)	£15.00
BACS	Community Action - Payroll (Oct)	£793.62
BACS	P.Gosling – Chaler of the Year award	£100.00
Chq 1529	M. Bailey – clerk expenses	£46.80
Total		£1857.41

RESOLVED: Noted and agreed.

5.3 To discuss hall funds transfer for food pantry.

The food pantry will be taken on and run by SWAY when the building is up and running. They have applied for funding. In the interim Ward Councillor Critchison agreed to run the pantry for the 17th Sept at the village hall. Councillors agreed that the hall running cost budget is no longer required and must be utilised elsewhere. Chairman Dave Stewart suggested a sum of £600 will be set aside and used for the pantry if needed. All Councillors agreed. Clerk asked for a finance meeting to discuss an update budget.

RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange meeting date for finance meeting.

114/25 EMERGENCY PLAN

All amendments discussed at the Sept meeting were made, agreed and all Councillors happy that plan is now finalised.

RESOLVED: Clerk to distribute plan with the addition of Niton & Whitwell PC and Shorwell PC.

115/25 PHONE BOX – St Andrews and Chale Green

Cllr Dr Lockwood has met with Mr Yates and will be walking the Chale trail later in the week to look at the changes required for a re-print of the map. Further meetings are in hand with D. Badman and costings for re-print will be forthcoming. Due to the history of Chale it was felt that a booklet detailing this would be beneficial. It is hoped this will all be in place for next summer. In the meantime, the shelving must go up and the new phone box stocked with leaflets. Clerk confirmed the cost of 'information signs' would be £20.30 + vat.

RESOLVED: Cllr Dr Lockwood to cost re-print of Chale Trail. Clerk to purchase information signs immediately and Cllr Burroughs to place boarding at rear of box with shelving asap.

The old phone box at Chale Green has been costed for repair. It will involve extensive work between £2700-£3000. This is not within the PC budget.

RESOLVED: Clerk to look at funding options. Cllr Gosling volunteered to rope off the phone box with signage advising its closure.

116/25 VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE

RESOLVED: Cllr Andrew Burroughs and Cllr Lynda Burroughs were not present to update progress. Chairman asked Clerk to Agenda it for every meeting.

117/25 QUIET LANES

Ward Councillor Critchison advised that she has received several requests from Southdown residents for a reduced speed limit. This falls within the area that has been highlighted for a 'Quiet Lanes' designation request. Other Parish Councils are involved as well as National Landscapes. Councillors agreed that whilst a very small area of Chale would be included on the map for this, it would need a public consultation.

RESOLVED: Clerk to email Richard Grogan at IOW council advising that Chale PC agreed in principle but only if a full public consultation takes place with Chale residents.

118/25 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME CONSULTATION

Detail of the current support scheme by the IOW council were circulated prior to the meeting. There is no proposed change from last year. Councillors agreed to the proposal from the IOW council.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise IOW Council of CPC decision.

119/25 COMPLAINTS

Chairman Stewart advised Councillors that a few complaints have been received regarding the new SWAY hub. The content of some were discussed and it was agreed by all Councillors that this is not a PC matter. Complaints must be directed direct to SWAY or to the appropriate authorities if it involves noise or criminal behaviour. Clerk advised that SWAY has organised a Q&A event at the village hall on the 23rd Oct at 6pm to address concerns or questions from residents and that a request for a member of the PC to be present has been received. Chairman Stewart agreed to attend the event and Chair the meeting only.

RESOLVED: Clerk to signpost any complaints to the relevant authority. Clerk to advise SWAY that Chairman Stewart is happy to chair Q&A event.

120/25 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All events noted with an addition of a further food pantry to be held at the village hall on the 17th Oct 12.30-1.30pm. Cllr Parker also advised that the church warden will be leaving and there will be a farewell event immediately after the café church on the 26th Oct at 3pm.

RESOLVED: None.

121/25 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

11.1 Cllrs discussed the request for a donation to the Church Christmas Card this year. It was felt that it more appropriate to offer £20 for advertising the Carols on the Green event on the 18th Dec. This would be taken from the marketing budget and not the S137 budget.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Rev Rob and discuss advertising.

122/25 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting. Clerk also mentioned some invitations to the Martyn's law seminar on the 21st Oct, and finance training on the 29th Oct. The issue of the broken dog bin at the bottom of Eastview Lane was discussed and Cllr Gosling offered to take a look at it and see if it could be repaired. Clerk also advised that the IOW Council will continue funding the NO 6 Bus.

RESOLVED: Clerk to explore cost of new dog bin if old one damaged beyond repair.

Parish Councillors.

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

Chairman – Dave Stewart.

The Chairman attended the opening of the new SWAY hub. Concerns over parking were not apparent as most attending parked on the main road. Members of SWAY were advising attendees to avoid parking in Spanners Close. Chairman was asked to thank CPC for the donation toward the purchase of blinds.

RESOLVED: None

Ward Councillor Claire Critchison – Councillor Critchison forwarded her report prior to the meeting will be available to read in full appdx to the minutes.

RESOLVED: None

123/25 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions were asked however an observation was made for the future of St Andrews Church now that the church warden is leaving and appears is not being replaced. The congregation is now less than 10 members.

RESOLVED: None

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.40 PM